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AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC OPTIONS FOR HEALTH CARE IN CONNECTICUT.

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

Cost

The amendment transfers the costs related to sections 1 to 5 of the underlying bill from the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) to the Insurance Department (DOI) and thereby from the General Fund to the Insurance Fund. In addition, the amendment will result in a cost to DOI related to additional staff in excess of the underlying bill to provide the necessary in-house support for the ConnectHealth Plan (CHP). DOI does not have the infrastructure to support the CHP as they are a regulatory agency. OSC has a division which currently supports the state employee and retiree health plan, as well as the Partnership Plan. The additional annual cost to DOI will be at least \$445,173 for salaries and fringe benefits. ¹²

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¹ The fringe benefit costs for employees funded out of other appropriated funds are budgeted within the fringe benefit account of those funds, as opposed to the fringe benefit accounts within the Office of the State Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes for other appropriated fund employees is 97.18% of payroll in FY 20 and FY 21.

² The estimate assumes 3 additional staff including a Principal Healthcare Analyst, Associate Healthcare Analyst and a Retirement & Benefits Officer. Starting salaries are approximately \$80,160, \$72,790 and \$71,820 respectively.